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SUBJECT: SPAIN RESPONDS TO NEW U.S. SANCTIONS ON BURMA

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Classified By: ADCM Dan Keller for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Spanish MFA Deputy Political Director Carlos Fernandez-Arias on August 8. Poloff explained the expansion of U.S. sanctions on Burma through the signing of the JADE Act of 2008 and that the United States has taken action to ensure the Act will not impede humanitarian relief for Cyclone Nargis victims. Fernandez-Arias said that within the EU, France and the UK have previously taken the lead on the issue of Burma sanctions and will, more than likely, continue to do so. He said the GOS supports strict sanctions and will likely follow an EU consensus on the matter.  
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